



The Pipeline

Room-Sharing Requirement Rescinded

A message from Teresa Suter, Office of Human Resource Management.

Effective immediately, the requirement that employees share a room while attending out-of-town training events is hereby rescinded. Instead of finding a long-term solution to a very serious problem, we seem to have applied a quick fix with unintended consequences. Many of the strenuous objections that some of you have made to being required to share a room have merit; thus this will no longer be a requirement. However, we still request and encourage anyone attending out-of-town training to continue to share a room voluntarily whenever possible.

At a time when all of State government faces a serious budget crisis, the amount of money that the Cabinet has for training is especially limited. Therefore, we must find ways to reduce training costs if we are to provide the quality and amount of training that you need and want. For this reason, we ask and encourage those of you who are comfortable sharing a room with another employee to continue to do so. Room sharing does save a substantial amount of money, which helps stretch our limited training dollars.

Also, we ask that if any of you who have suggestions or recommendations as to how we might reduce training costs further, please share these with your supervisor, your Regional Training Coordinator, or this office. Working together, we can tough-out these hard times and still provide you with the quality training that you require, desire, and deserve.

Thank you for your open, honest, and constructive communications. With severely limited training resources, your input and cooperation are essential if we are to continue to provide you with the opportunity for high quality training and professional development.



Derby Breakfast Moves to Downtown Frankfort

Governor Paul Patton and First Lady Judi Patton are making preparations for Derby 2002, and announced today that this year's Governor's Derby Breakfast will take on an exciting new look and be moved to historic downtown Frankfort.

"Derby is one of the most exciting times in Kentucky and Judi and I are delighted to have the opportunity to showcase Kentucky's rich traditions and heritage," said Governor Patton. "Moving the breakfast to historic downtown Frankfort will allow the citizens of the Commonwealth to enjoy the unique beauty and hospitality of our capital city."

Because of construction and infrastructure projects in and around the Capitol, and at the urging of Frankfort tourism officials, the 2002 Derby breakfast and celebration will be held in downtown Frankfort, Saturday, May 4th from 7 am until 12 noon. Many of the same features as in the past six Derby celebrations will continue, and with the new location, there will be several added attractions.

Pipeline, a weekly newsletter for employees of the Cabinets for Families, welcomes reader comments and contributions. Items for *Pipeline* are due by 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Call (502) 564-6786 or send information to Patricia Boler at Patricia.Boler@mail.state.ky.us

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If you have ever considered adopting a child, but didn't know how to begin or where to go for information, Feb. 10 is your big day.



The Louisville Adoption Fair will be held at U of L's Shelby Campus Feb. 10 from 1 to 4 p.m., where information will be available on every aspect of adoption and foster care – from eligibility and preparation to support services after the adoption is complete. Representatives from government agencies, private agencies, and support groups will be on hand to hold workshops, answer questions, and hand out literature.

For more information, contact Judi Spooner at (800)928-4303.